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In re Appln. of: Douglas Gene Keithley

Appln. No.: 10/625,971

Filed: July 23, 2003

For: IMAGE ENHANCEMENT EMPLOYING  
PARTIAL TEMPLATE MATCHING

Attorney Docket No: 13036/18 (MP0977)

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 2621

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- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in dup.); Form PTO-1449; copies of three cited references.  
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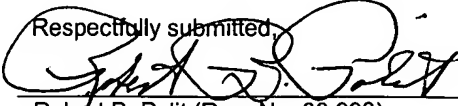
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

**U.S. Patents**

| No.                | Date of Publication | Patentee/Applicant/Assignee |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6,181,438 B1       | 01/30/2001          | Bracco et al.               |
| US 2002/0076107 A1 | 06/20/2002          | Loce et al.                 |

**Foreign Patents**

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| EP 1 146 472 A2 | 10/17/2001          | EPO     |

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Applicant is also submitting a Search Report dated November 30, 2004, and an Examination Report dated June 29, 2006. Each of these documents relates to the

foreign counterpart application GB0416262.4 that is currently pending in the United Kingdom. Although claims have been rejected in that application, Applicant in no way acquiesces to the opinions expressed in the Examination Report.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

For purposes of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), Applicant certifies that each item of information contained in this Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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